

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS RULE 510-8
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Chapter 510-8 Continuing Education Requirements (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment"). The proposed rule amendment includes revisions to Rule 510-8-.02(2)(h), Area V-Self Instructional Activity.

The proposed rule amendment describes the areas to be used for self instructional activity for continuing education credits in Area V.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists office website at sos.georgia.gov/plb/psych or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on August 22, 2008, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcomed. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on August 15, 2008. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217. Fax (478) 207-1363.

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at 1:05 p.m. on August 22, 2008, at the Georgia Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendment 510-8-.02(2)(h) pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-13 to 43-39-15.

At its meeting July 18, 2008, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-13 to 43-39-15.

Additionally, at its meeting July 18, 2008, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-13 to 43-39-15 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Psychology.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 22nd day of July, 2008.

Randall D. Vaughn
Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: July 22, 2008

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
RULE FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CHAPTER 510-8
Rule 510-8-.02(2)(h) Area V-Self Instructional Activity.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule is to describe the areas to be used for self instructional activity for continuing education credits in Area V.

Main Feature: The rule describes the maximum number of CE hours allowed for interactive on line CE in real time and the differences in non interactive and interactive activities.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
RULE FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CHAPTER 510-8
Rule 510-8-.02(2)(h) Area V-Self Instructional Activity.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

(2)(h) **Area V-Self Instructional Activity.** This is a broadly defined area intended to accommodate any self-development activities, which are relevant to one's professional interests. This area includes use of audiotapes, videotapes, books, and journals. Credit is also given for conducting a workshop or academic course for the **first time**, ~~and~~ for preparation of articles for publication for the **first time**, and non interactive online CE. Documentation is by a memo that justifies the credit claimed. Each hour of self instructional activity qualifies for one (1) hour of CE credit. A maximum of 10 hours is allowed ~~in Area V~~ biennially for the aforementioned activities.

An additional maximum of 6 hours credit is allowed for interactive online CE in real time which will allow a maximum of 16 hours total in Area V.

Non interactive online CE is defined as an activity in which the participant interacts only with the computer. (The course may have been recorded.)

Interactive CE is defined as an activity in which the participant interacts with a live person, who is the instructor, and may also interact with other participants through a computer either through audio or audio/video channels, in real time. Real time is defined as an activity in which both the instructor and participant are on the computer at the same time.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-13 to 43-39-15.